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AMENDMENT

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This is a response to the Office action dated May 15, 2000. A three-month period for reply was set, making the response due on or before August 15, 2000. This amendment is made to place the application in condition for allowance, or to remove issues upon appeal. Reconsideration of the subject application is respectfully requested

Please amend the above-identified patent application as follows:

In the claims:

6. (Twice Amended) A method of identifying a non-binding FK506 analog that stimulates nerve cell growth, the method comprising:  
screening a plurality of FK506 analogs for binding to FKBP-12[.];  
selecting a FK506 analog that does not bind FKBP-12[.]; and  
assaying the FK506 analog that does not bind FKBP-12 for activity in promoting nerve cell growth, thereby identifying a non-binding FK506 analog that stimulates nerve cell growth.